



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
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**We Walk by Faith**

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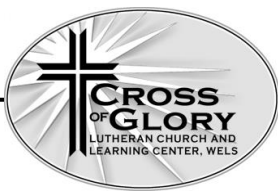
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***Welcome!*** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

***Holy Communion:*** We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE II

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**OPENING HYMN.....Come Unto Me, Ye Weary (CW #336)**

*STAND*

**INVOCATION<sup>1</sup>**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**CONFESSION**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

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<sup>1</sup> The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)<sup>2</sup>

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer— cy.

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

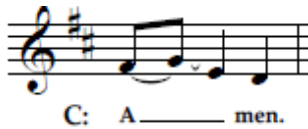


C: Lord, have mer— cy.

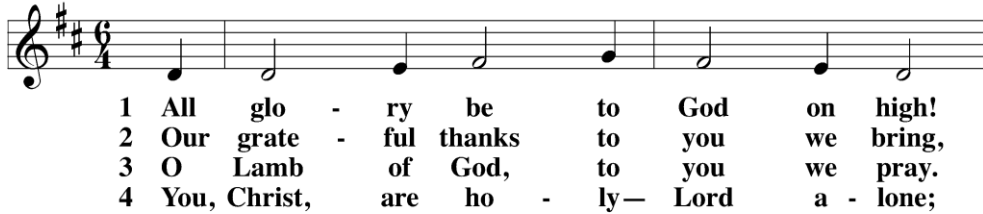
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<sup>2</sup> *Kyrie* is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

**M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.



### GLORY BE TO GOD (*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*)<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> We praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

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# THE WORD OF GOD

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## SALUTATION<sup>4</sup>

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 50:4-10

*The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.<sup>5</sup> The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.<sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.<sup>7</sup> Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!<sup>9</sup> It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.<sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.*

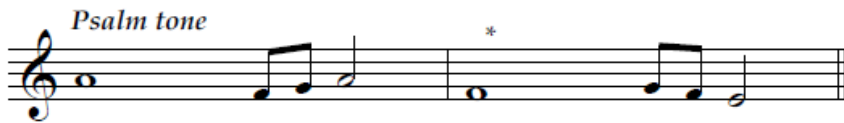
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<sup>4</sup> This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 116



I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.



*Psalm tone*

- M:** I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;  
**C:** he heard my cry for mercy.
- M:** Because he turned his ear to me,  
**C:** I will call on him as long as I live.
- M:** The LORD is gracious and righteous;  
**C:** when I was in great need, he saved me.

**Refrain**

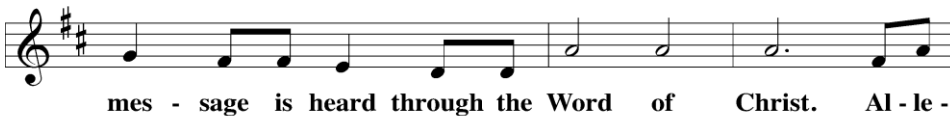
- M:** For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,  
**C:** my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- M:** How can I repay the LORD  
**C:** for all his goodness to me?
- M:** I will lift up the cup of salvation  
**C:** and call on the name of the LORD.
- C:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON.....Hebrews 11:1-3; 13-16

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.<sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible...<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.<sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.<sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country-- a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

### VERSE OF THE DAY



STAND<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> The worshipers stand and speak words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

**GOSPEL**

**M:** We hear the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 9.

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them.<sup>15</sup> As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.<sup>16</sup> "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.<sup>17</sup> A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech.<sup>18</sup> Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."<sup>19</sup> "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."<sup>20</sup> So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.<sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered.<sup>22</sup> "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."<sup>23</sup> "If you can't?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."<sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"<sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."<sup>26</sup> The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead."<sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.*

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY....."By Faith"**

**SERMON ON MARK 9:14-27**

**THEME: "Help Me Overcome My Unbelief"**

*STAND*



## NICENE CREED<sup>6</sup>

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## THANKSGIVING & PRAYER

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### OFFERING

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

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<sup>6</sup> Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. The Nicene Creed was composed in the 4<sup>th</sup> century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C:** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C:** **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** **Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **Amen.**

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# THE SACRAMENT

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## THE PREFACE<sup>7</sup>

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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<sup>7</sup> These words mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of worship and lift the worshiper's hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In  
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>8</sup>

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

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<sup>8</sup> Jesus took bread and *gave thanks*. (Matthew 26:26)

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION<sup>9</sup>

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us your peace. Amen.

<sup>9</sup> As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us Christ's death.

## DISTRIBUTION (Hymn #402 - My Faith Looks Up to Thee)

### PRAYER

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### BLESSING<sup>10</sup>

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN.....I'm But a Stranger Here (CW #417)**

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<sup>10</sup> The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The LORD said, "*So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them*" (Numbers 6:27).

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance: 29.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund Offerings: \$4280.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Monday (9/14):	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Tuesday (9/15):	7:00 p.m.	Bayou Servants for Christ
Sunday (9/20):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council

## **EVANGELISM MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**



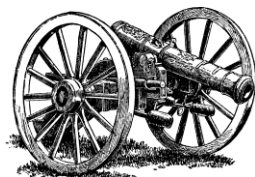
The evangelism committee will be meeting on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We'll be discussing our Fall Festival as well as this year's upcoming outreach events. All are invited to come and share ideas.

## **BAYOU SERVANTS FOR CHRIST - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**



There will be a meeting of the Bayou Servants for Christ this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

## **COMMUNITY EVENT INVITATION**



On Saturday September 19, there will a reenactment of the Battle of Baton Rouge in 1779 at the Oakley House Plantation in St. Francisville. The park is open from 9am-5pm. The park has a museum, tours of the house, grounds, hiking trail, and picnic areas. There will be demonstrations throughout the day and the battle demonstration will occur around 2pm. Cost of tickets is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*“If God loves me, then, why does the church have a problem if I’m gay?” How does one respond to such a popular argument today (a perversion of John 3:16), which is utilized to silence Christians and justify the homosexual lifestyle – or any lifestyle for that matter? How about this next argument? “Jesus said, ‘Judge not lest ye be judged.’ Who are you to judge any homosexual?” How does a Christian address another popular approach like this, (a perversion of Matthew 7:1), which looks to defend homosexuality or any other lifestyle? How do you respond when even Pope Francis is saying about homosexuality these days, “Who am I to judge?” Next Sunday, we continue with our Rainbow Savior Bible Study on the topic of homosexuality under lesson 2 “God Loves Gays...”*

## SAVE THE DATE!



***Fall Festival***  
**Sun. November 1**  
**Noon - 3:00 p.m.**

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***Free - Food - Games***  
***Open to the Public***